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By Paige Sexton
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Library Journal has named Eastern Kentucky University librarian Cindi Trainor among its "Movers & Shakers" for 2011. The annual list highlights librarians and others in the library field who do "extraordinary work to serve their users and to move libraries of all types and library services forward."

Trainor, who serves as the coordinator of the Library Technology and Data Services Division at ECU, was pleased to be honored as one of this year's group of 50 "Movers & Shakers." She said, "I get giddy when given the opportunity to knock down barriers and make things work better."

Trainor has worked to bring user-experience (UX) design concepts to online services at ECU. She has a passion for putting students first, says nominator John Blyberg, assistant director for innovation and UX at the Darien Library, CT. "She has introduced an emerging trend in public libraries - UX design - to the academic environment. She has done so by valuing inclusion, compromise, and above all, students' ability to access the information they need with ease."

Blyberg and Trainor co-presented on UX at the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) meeting in June 2010 to introduce other libraries to the trend. Trainor also contributes regularly to the American Library Association's (ALA) TechSource blog, as well as posts on her personal blog, Citegeist.com. A respected photographer, her work has been published in the *New York Times* as well as on various library blogs and websites.

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By Carla McFerron
Children's Librarian
Rockcastle County Public Library

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Photo: Books for Bikes winners (l-r): Brenden Vinson, Kaylee Chadwell, Maggie Mason, Jacob Mason, Morgan Mason, Gage Vinson, Serenity Stone (top reader), Delani Reynolds (top reader), and April Campbell (top reader).

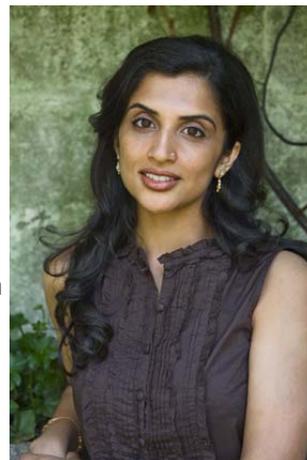
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by Phyllis M. Webb
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State Library Introduces Multi-Cultural Thematic Kits

By Nancy Houseal
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The State Library is introducing six multi-format multicultural program kits. The thematic kits contain a large number of developmentally appropriate materials - books, CDs, DVDs, electronics, games or toys, and resource guides - and cover ages pre-school through adult.

Because these kits support the Summer Reading Program and are booked for the summer, make sure to reserve your kit soon for the **fall/winter**.

Among the selections you'll find:

- Mexico (pre-school)
- Music Around the World (pre-school)
- Japanese Pop Culture (teen)
- World Art & Music (teen)
- Kentucky Travel (adult)
- Novel Destinations (adult)

No phone requests will be taken for these thematic kits. To reserve

Photo: Filmmaker and author Tania James, photo by Joanne Chan.

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By Chris Sinnett
Director, Carter County Public Library

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Awards Received by the Kenton County Public Library in April

By Dave Shroeder
Executive Director
Kenton County Public Library

At a ceremony hosted by the SWON Libraries consortium, Kenton County Public Library's **Erlanger Branch** was named Library of the Year for the SouthWest Ohio/Northern

a kit, please use the [Kit Request form](#). All requests will be handled on a "first come, first serve" basis. Your kit will be delivered to your library by the KYVL courier service.

Trustee Connection

By Paul M. Poland
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KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

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Kentucky region.

The Erlanger Branch of KCPL is the busiest library in Kentucky, and was praised for its large open space, 15-station computer lab, reading garden, and children's area, known as "Kid Town KY".

The Librarian of the Year award was a tie between **Amy Schardein** of Kenton County Public Library's Mary Ann Mongan Branch and Galina Lewandowicz of the Cincinnati Art Museum Library. Schardein serves as a children's librarian and early childhood specialist at KCPL's Mongan branch, and engages the children in ways that make them excited about language, words, books and reading, while dedicating time to interacting with the parents and caregivers to help pre-literacy concepts extend to the home environment.



Additionally, **Robin Klaene**, the library's public relations and development director, was named Library PR/Marketer of the Year by the Kentucky Public Library Association in April.

Archives Research Room Introduces New Database

By Tim Tingle
Public Records Branch Manager, KDLA

A searchable database containing scanned images of the microfilm listings in the State Archives collections for all 120 counties in Kentucky is now available for use in the Archives Research Room.

Previously, researchers had to look through pages and pages of listings in bulky 3-ring binders in order to locate microfilm listings for the various records series for each county. Now, with just a couple of clicks and a few keywords, users can search by county, court, records series, beginning date ranges, or various combinations, and will be able to immediately retrieve the microfilm roll numbers they need.

Easily updated and simple to use, this new research tool has already proven to be a great success with both researchers and staff.

Archival Photo of the Month

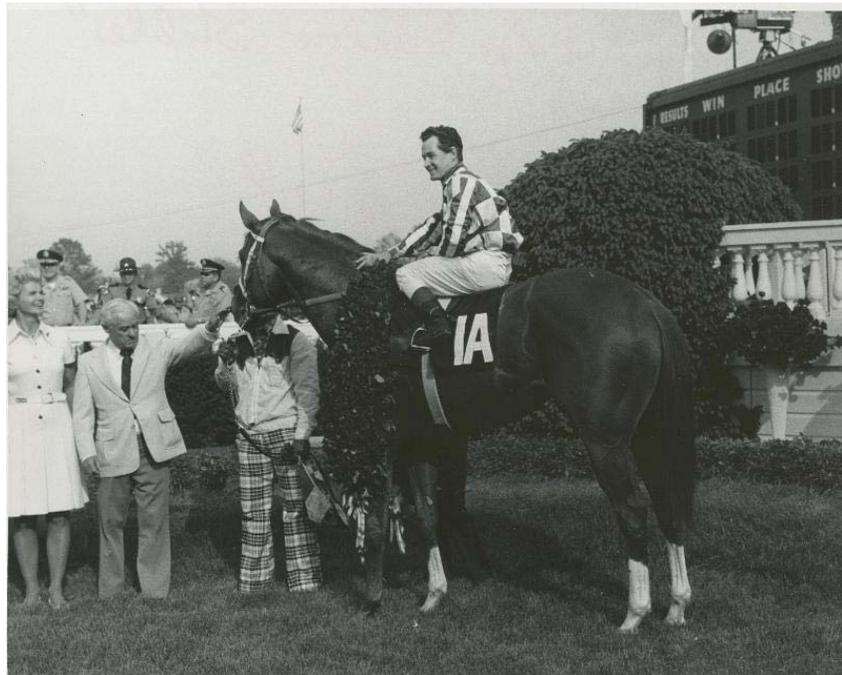
- Amy Beckham, Boone County, **Professional I**
- Tabitha Tinsley, Crittenden County, **Paraprofessional**
- Jamie Helle, Boyd County, **Professional I**
- Vicki Niehaus, Oldham County, **Professional I**

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Sue Jacobs, Lincoln County
- Tom Noe, Logan County
- Barbara Sloan, Marshall County
- Dana Tennill, Leslie County
- Michele Dickens, Taylor County
- Mary Jane Day, Gallatin County
- Gerda Wise, Carroll County

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Secretariat, shown with owner Penny Chenery, trainer Lucien Laurin and jockey Ron Turcotte, won the 1973 Kentucky Derby in a record-setting time of 1:59 2/5.

"Big Red" went on to win the Triple Crown.

Source: Tourism Photo Collection, Public Records Division - Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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At the end of the program we host a reading social in which Ms. Griffith is recognized, and she reads a story to the children and talks about/demonstrates bike safety. The drawing for the bicycles takes place, and we have refreshments available. The top ten boys and top ten girls of each age group are put into the "bucket" to be drawn for each bicycle (or other wheels).

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Opening the festival will be Alanna Nash, a journalist, writer and biographer. Her latest novel, *Baby, Let's Play House: Elvis Presley and the Women Who Loved Him*, is considered the first-ever Elvis book to focus solely on his complex relationships with women. She has written on a variety of topics from music to magic to true crime. She resides in Louisville.

Photo: Journalist, writer and biographer Alanna Nash; photo by Vivian Knox-Thompson.



Closing speaker for the day will be author Sena Jeter Naslund, whose recent book *Adam & Eve* deals with a clash between science and faith. She is a Birmingham, Alabama native who has ties with the University of Louisville, serving as a former director of the Creative Writing Program. Naslund is currently Writer-in-Residence at U of L and program director of Spalding University's brief-residency Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Program in Creative Writing. She also resides in Louisville.

Photo: Author Sena Jeter Naslund; photo by Marion Ettlinger.



There will be additional authors and writers conducting various workshop sessions on the 'nuts & bolts' of writing and publishing throughout the day. Workshop sessions are free and open to the public except the keynote luncheon. For a complete schedule and updates, visit <http://www.louisville.edu/womenscenter/kwbf> or call the U of L Women's Center at 852-8976 for more information.

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KDLA helped the branch apply for the NEH grant. KDLA staff also selected the new books and advised the library on using the grant.

Onkst said KDLA was excited to help the community restore their library and praised NEH for the grant. "What a marvelous gift. The children of Carter County will benefit from this NEH grant for many years to come," he said.

The Kentucky Humanities Council's grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities has allowed replacement of more than 2,000 titles, focusing on the children's library and associated reading/storytelling furniture, adult basic education readings, and supplies necessary for cataloging and managing the collection.

The Humanities Council, The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) affiliate for Kentucky, works in close partnership with libraries in all of Kentucky's 120 counties. Libraries are the sites where the council conducts Prime Time Family Reading Time, book discussions, and hosts Humanities Council speakers and Kentucky Chautauqua programs.

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Every trustee I had the opportunity to speak with had nothing but positive things to say about their conference experience...every one of them learned something new that will help them do a better job for their respective library. THAT is the reason I hope this trend will continue to increase no matter where the conference is being held. The opportunity for trustees to get better educated to do a better job for their library and

community!

In an effort to again recognize the efforts of those in attendance, I'd like to list them and the libraries they represent as a thank you for your efforts: Dr. Christopher Beckman, Madison CPL; Jeremy Brown, Fleming CPL; Sandy Bush, Owen CPL; Louise Canter, Kenton CPL; Buzz Carmichael, Lexington PL; Jerry Claunch, Pulaski CPL; Mary Lynn Collins, Paul Sawyer PL; Jo Combs, Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library; Pat Conrad, Grant CPL; Doris Cooper, Scott CPL; Judy Crain, Fleming CPL; Patty Crittenden, Woodford CPL; Betsy Davenport, Paris-Bourbon CPL; Ray DeSloover, Madison CPL; Val Downs, Nelson CPL; Harrie Enoch, Clark CPL; Carol Foxworthy, Fleming CPL; Kay Freeland, Rowan CPL; Billie Goodwill, Jessamine CPL; Sondra Gwynn, Marion CPL; Barbara Headdy, Nelson CPL; Deborah Johnson, Boyd CPL; Jeanette Ladd, Harry M. Caudill Memorial Library; Margaret Lewis, HMC Memorial Library; Steve Marcum, Warren CPL; Frank McCrackin, Paris-Bourbon CPL; James McDuffee, Breathitt CPL; Susan Mospens, Kenton CPL; Helen Northcutt, Rowan CPL; Bill Oliver, Grant CPL; Olivia Overbey, Fleming CPL; Miko Pattie, Lexington PL; Paul M. Poland, Scott CPL; Jim Stoops, William B. Harlan Library; John Thompson, Fulton CPL; Peggy Trinkle, Owen CPL; Kathy Vockery, Garrard CPL; Eddie Williams, Clark CPL; Patricia Wilson, Paris-Bourbon CPL; Charlann Wombles, Woodford CPL and Wanda Wilson, Scott CPL.

If any of the above listed trustees would like to write a small article for this space in the future about your conference experience please let me know...just send it to me and I'll get with Paige with KDLA and make it happen! Share a little of what you know to help us all do a better job!

Again, thank you for your efforts to your library and your community as well. I hope to see all of you in Bowling Green for the next KPLA/KLTRT Spring Conference!

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Not one to brag, nor to speak in hyperbole, let me just say that this was, without a doubt, the best conference ever in the history of KPLA! Over 100 more people attended this year than last (the most recent "best KPLA conference ever!") and we are happy to report that more than 40 trustees attended this year - yet another record breaker. We also saw large numbers of front-line staff and heard from many attendees that this was the first time they had ever come to the conference.

Why the record breaking attendance at a time when most libraries are cutting expenses? Our best guess is the strong program. A few years ago, the conference

planning committee, under the leadership of JC Morgan, began a system of establishing "tracks" so that there would be programs of interest to specific groups such as administration, children's librarians, outreach, etc. This was very popular with attendees and we built on that model under the guidance of Dave Schroeder, last year's conference chair. We saw a great increase in attendance last year as well.

This year we added a "front-line staff" track which generated much buzz. Those factors, coupled with the ease of getting to the location (no more dealing with downtown Lexington traffic and parking!), a great vendor experience, and a very reasonable price, created a perfect storm which resulted in a flood of attendees. A hundred more people than we expected - with many of those reservations coming in during the week prior to the conference. Quick...print more programs, buy more bags, add lunches, and find bigger rooms! (Next year the committee plans to add a pre-registration discount!).

Pre-conference attendance was strong with many choosing to spend a whole day with consultant Sandra Nelson to hear about why everybody is getting crabbiere and to learn about customer service. Sandra stuck around for the next day's opening general session in which she talked about the future of public libraries. Other pre-conference sessions on reader's advisory and storytimes with purpose and punch attracted dedicated attendees. Some of the most well attended sessions during the regular conference were Wayne Onkst's session on taxing districts, Cool Features in Kentucky Libraries and Bump Up the Fun in the Workplace. We've been asked to repeat several sessions next year because many felt that there were so many good choices, they didn't get to everything they wanted to see this year. A good problem to have!

The KPLA Conference Planning Committee is a very hard working and dedicated committee. And being on this committee as an officer is a multi-year commitment. Huge thanks have to go out to current committee members - Libby Childers, Tonya Head, Carrie Herrmann, Rene Hutcheson, JC Morgan, Paul Poland, Lisa Rice, Dave Schroeder, Peggy Mershon, Kristi Tucker, Anne VanWilligen, and Susan Nimersheim. A big event like this relies on the support of its members to help out with things like room monitoring, registration, picture taking and more - thanks to all those who volunteered to help out. Couldn't do it without you! And finally, the Lexington Public Library supported the conference in so many ways, tech help, schedule design, staff help at the conference, and so much more - my thanks to LPL.

A last comment from one of our trustee attendees - Mindy Woods, from Carter County Public Library said, "The conference was terrific and every session I attended was very informative. It seems the location and programming both attracted attendees. Hope the next one is as well attended!" Good luck Susan Nimersheim (Chair of the 2010 KPLA/KLTRT Spring Conference)!!!



JC Morgan presents session on advocacy



Making Art!



Wayne Onkst and Ann B. Ross

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The James Harrison Outstanding Bookmobile/Outreach Services Award recognizes and emphasizes the achievements of a bookmobile/outreach librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the development, promotion, and implementation of bookmobile/outreach services in the local community. **Kellie Scott**, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library, is the recipient of this year's award. She has increased circulation by 47%, the number of programs by 36%, and the number of program attendees by 32%. She delivers materials door-to-door, plays bingo at the Senior Citizens Center, offers events at the library for senior citizens and increases partnerships in the community. With her leadership the library has worked with the schools, the Farmer's Market, the local extension office, the Tourism Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the local history museum, and local churches. Kellie has successfully written several grants to help defray costs for the library.



The "Miss Pickle" Outstanding Children's Services Award recognizes and emphasizes excellence in developing and providing children's library services in the local community. **Sherry Bogard**, Shelby County Public Library, is the recipient of this year's "Miss Pickle" award. She has implemented new programs for all ages, from baby through 16 years of age, and established the Teen Advisory Board. Under her leadership, participation for the Summer Reading Program has grown from 250 to 1,600. Her outreach to the community through Success by Six, the county school system, the Scouts, the Latino Center, and her "Reading Reindeer" program to give a needy child a book at Christmas are just a few examples of her innovation and creativity.



The Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award recognizes achievements by certified county and regional library staff that have made outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of public library service on the local level. **Mark Griffen**, Logan County Public Library, is the winner of this year's award. He uses his talent as a photographer to capture people and points of interest in the community. These images are enlarged, captioned and hung in the library, changing monthly. He is also a writer and has written a book about his county, illustrated with his photographs as part of the "Images of America" series. He donates the proceeds from this book to



the Leaders in Training program at the library. When the local community arts group faltered he stepped up and created the Arts Council that presents a variety of events, including film festivals, showcasing local talent, original murder mysteries, fashion shows of Fairy Tales, costumes and many other programs.

This year KPLA offered the Public Relations and Marketing Award for the first time. This award is to recognize a library which has demonstrated remarkable achievement in the promotion of its service.

Robin Klaene, Kenton County Public Library, is the winner of this year's award. She has been responsible for a successful fund-raising and awareness event for seven years. The event has gone from 100 participants in 2003 to an expected 1,000 in 2011. Proceeds from the event benefit the library's preschool literacy initiative, which delivers books and programs to over 2,500 preschool children each month. Over the seven years, this program has raised over \$60,000. In addition to raising money, the library receives a lot of media attention, which in turn provides positive publicity for the library.



The Public Library Advocacy Award is presented to the public official or citizen-at-large who most successfully advances the cause of public libraries in the Commonwealth. This year's winner is **The Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc.** In 2009 this group was reborn after being long defunct. The organization spent the first year organizing itself, but by 2010 efforts were made to increase public awareness about the importance of libraries to the well being of our citizens, and that libraries needed their community support. They sponsored 16 Legislative Meet and Greet programs to bring library supporters and elected officials together. These events brought almost 800 participants together with 82 legislators, candidates and other officials.



The James E. Gugeler Outstanding Trustee Award recognizes the contributions of an individual who is currently serving as a trustee for a Kentucky public library. **Robbie Dyche** is the recipient of this year's award. He first approached the Laurel County Public Library director in the eighties as a concerned citizen. He was worried about the small amount of money the library was receiving at the time. The annual budget was \$110,000. He was first appointed to the library board in 1992. Eight years later, the library successfully petitioned for a tax increase under his leadership as board president. The additional funding made it possible to build the library they are currently in. Today the library has an annual budget of almost \$3 million, 37 employees and three facilities. This is a direct result of this trustee's commitment and belief in learning and all the library represents.



The Outstanding Board of Trustees Award recognizes the dedication and volunteerism of the men and women who serve on Kentucky's library boards. This year's winner is the **Jessamine County Public Library Board of Trustees**, Ms. Billie Goodwill, President. This board was instrumental in safeguarding the community's freedom to read at the library during a highly publicized controversy. The trustees were integral in restoring and maintaining the community trust through a trying period in the library's history. A vocal minority incited some in the community against the library. Through it all the trustees communicated with people in the community and in the state. This board was a stabilizing force in community relations and a champion of intellectual freedom.



The Outstanding Public Library Service Award recognizes the contribution of an administrator whose career has exemplified a combination of excellence in local service with promotion of libraries on a regional or broader basis. **Lisa Rice**, Warren County Public Library, is this year's winner. Dynamic, effective, dedicated, professional, and capable are just a few words used to describe Lisa. She leads by example, encouraging her staff to take active roles in the community and library association activities. She works with the board and the staff to focus resources on quality customer service and the library's strategic plan. Along the way she has served as KPLA president and chaired the Standards Committee, the Conference Committee and the PR Committee. She has represented KLA at SELA and is currently the secretary of KLA. She is also active in ALA. The most important and lasting achievement has been her mentoring of new librarians. She is always available to advise, assist, or console a colleague and has contributed to the success of many others.



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